et-which will be



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N. T. C. C. Picture Gallery.

Dan E. Myers, of Fort Scott, Kan., was born in Hamilton County, Ill., and is the son of a veterau, 20 years of age. He is tall and dark, and weighs 143 pounds. Although a stenographer by profession, he is learning the machinist's trade in the Missouri Pacific R. R. Shops. His favorite authors



DORA E. BRAND. DAN E. MYERS. Dora E. Brand, of La Porte, Ind., was born in Bilver Creek, N. Y., April 10, 1864, and is the daughter of Capt, Edgar E. Brand, 90th N. Y. She joined the C. C. in 1885, and takes much interest in She is tall, with dark-blue eyes and dark-brown hair, and is very fond of music and good reading. Charles G. Odell is President of the Association of Crippled Union Soldiers, and is actively and carnestly engaged in working for the veterans who were dischled during the war. He was a member of Berdan's Sharpshopters, and was so badly wounded in his right leg that it is utterly useless. Since the war he has held many offices of publi trust. Mr. Odell was born in Cleveland, O., in 1836, but now lives in Eagle Bend, Minn.



CHAS. G. ODELL. CHARLOTTE A. FARMINGTON. Charlotte A. Farmington, of Ainsworth, Neb., is called "Charlie," by her friends. She has a very fair complexion and dark eyes and hair, and is "sweet 16." She has only been in C. C. circles a short time.

PICTURE GALLERY COMMENTS. I think the Picture Gallery is very nice, and I am making an album.-Nettie J. Grant, Glendale, W. T. I enjoy it very much .- Mrs. E. T. Byrum, Maud,

It is very enjoyable. I am saving the pictures .-Lulu M. Greer, Syracuse, N. V. I am greatly interested in the Picture Gallery .-Lena R. Porter, Scotland, Iti. It is grand. - Etter Richards, Clay Center, Kans.

I enjoy nothing better than looking at the faces of the C. C .- Elinor N. Davies, Spring Green, Wis. I take great interest in the dear old TRIBUNE, especially the Gallery .- A. H. Borthwick, Peckskill, The Picture Gallery is just grand.-Alice J. Blake, South Royalton, Vt.

The Gallery is fine. My sister and I are saving all of the pictures. - Lottie B. Maxfield, Cambridge, Keep the hall rolling. It is just what we want .-Withe H. Kalm, Reno, Kan. I um greatly pleased and interested .- Iva C. Ma-

The Picture Gallery is a grand thing .- F. C. Furnes, Quincy, Kan. The one who thought of the Picture Gallery ought to have a prize.-Agnes Walker, Pompey Center,

I am completely elated over the Pieture Gallery. -Fiora C. Worten, Kenton, O. I am saving the pictures for an album.-Florence

The sons and daughters and wives and even the old herees themselves should send their pictures,- would give a small sum every month, or as some Emms J. Hand, Star Prairie, Wis.

The Happy Household.

BUSTON SPONGE CORN CAKES. DEAR H. H., Try this: One capful of flour, one-balf capful of cornment, one-mail tenspoonful of three members constitute the committee, — W. soda, one-righth cupful of sugar, one egg, one G. Basset. tablespoonful of butter, one cupful of sour milk Stir melted butter and sugar together first, add the rest and linke in gem-pans.—Miss Myrtic E. Gar-

PUFF CAKE. HAPPY HOUSEHOLD: Two cups sugar, threequarter cup butter, one cup thick milk, three cups flour, three eggs, one teaspoonful soin, two teaspoonfuls eream tartar. Bake in layers and ice.

PUTTY WORK. HAPPY HOUSEHOLD: Those of you who have not tried putty work should know how to do it, as it is so

simple and quite a curiosity. Take any odd-shaped jug or vase, cover it with putty, and in the putty put everything you can think of, such as buttons, keys, thimbles, spools, etc. When the putty has become thoroughly dry, apply a coat of gilding to the whole, and you can't think what pretty ornaments they make until you have tried it. Even picture frames can be ornamented in this way.-Nettie M. Pink, White Plains, N. Y. Conversation Cipb.

Bules of the Club. -1. Write briefly. 2. Write only co one side of the paper. 2. Write to the point, 4 Write on one subject. 5. Write your best, 6 Fend answers to all puzzles for use of Editor. Each week the names of those writing the best letters style, composition, spelling, penmanship and generad merit considered-will be named at the head | fruit. I am sorry I cannot answer all of your of this column on the Honor Roll. First honor will include all of these requirements. Second honor will include a deficiency in some one point. No others will be named.

HONOR ROLL-BEST LETTERS. First Honor-Edwin R. Lerch, Erie, Pa. Second Honor-Lydia E. Day, Cromanton, Pla.

SEARCHERS AND SOLVERS. E. H. Sheldon, Missoula, Mon., 2; Richard C. Watt, Cincinnett, O. 8; Abbie R. Norman, Logan, Iowa, 10; Minute R. Bashey, Cohnesville, O., 4; William Chastain, Delta, Mo., 4; Arthur W. Sanderson, Hepler, Kans, 8; F. L. Stevens, Fairplay, Nev.; James

E. Aiger, Swampscott, Mass., 4; Annie L. Williams, Saugus, Mass., 6. OUR ROLL CALL-NEW MEMBERS E. H. Sheldon, Missoula, Mont.; Celia E. Buck, Sherman, Wis., v. d.; G. T. Hurley, Washington, D. C.; S. E. Bishop, v. s., Emily Ford, v. d., Carrie Ford, v. d., May B. Bodwell, v. d., Bessie S. Bodwell, v. d., Pannie Hebeeker, v. d., New Haven, Conn.; Walter W. Lewis, Clark's Falls, Conn.; Ina Brosius, v. d., Hays City, Kan.; Effic A. Crook, Terrell, Wis.; Sallie M. Allen, v. d., Haseville, Mo.; W. H. Kell, v. s., Elliottsburg, Pa.; Mrs. W. S. Stevens, Waco, Neb.; D. J. Winte, S. V., Miles City, Mont.; Edith Florence Russell, D.V., Oakland, Ore., O. H. Poling, S. V., Broadway, O.; George A. Hop kins, King, Ind.; Elmer G. McMeeley, Liberal, Kan.

Henry E. La Cell, Milnor, N. Dak.; Lottie E. Butler. West Brook, N. J.; Anna Foster, v. d., Reading, Pa.; Albert E. Parker, v. s., Blimfield, Mich. Total, MEMBELS DESIRING CORRESPONDENTS. The letters v.s. mean veteran's son, v.d. veteran's daughter and v.w. veteran's widow; members of associations will be marked S.V. and D.V.1 S. R. Dishop, 15 Warren Pince, New Haven, Conn.; Early Ford, 716 Dixwell Ave., New Haven Conn.; Carrie Ford, New Haven, Conu.; Bessle S. Bodwell, May B. Bodwell, & Nuch street, New Haven, Conu.; Fanny Heberker, 1256 State street, New Haven, Conn.; Watter W. Lewis, box 112 Clark's Falls,

Conn.; Sallie M. Allen, Haseville, Mo.; W. H. Kell, Elliottsburg, Pa.; George A. Hopkins, King, Ind.; Anna Foster, 325 North Tenth street, Reading, Pa. AN INVITATION TO ALL. Dear loyal children through this wide land, Who are not members of this dear band.

Come, send in your names, be one of our number, We are waiting to call you sister and brother, It will cost you nothing, enrollment is free; Then at once join our band and become a C. C.; May each name on the roll call here, Be found in Heaven, on the roll-call there. -Sadie O. Bishop,

AUTOGRAPH QUILTS. DEAR C. C .: This is a day of autograph hunters; the epidemic assumes various forms. Some have the craze for postal albums. Another rage is the quiit autograph. Autograph quiits, containing a block from each State and Territory, are also much in vogue. My idea of an sutograph quiit is entirely different, and as it is original with myself, I will give it, as it will probably be new to others. I am saving a piece of each dress and apron of my children's clothes from their babyhood up; upon each piece I sew a bit of paper with the

garment. After I am done collecting I shall make | most pleasing in the prattling good nature of Dolly each one a quilt of his and her own pieces, and then with indelible ink mark each block with the acters the attention of the reader is directed. Silas age of the child at the time it had the garment.

Try it, mothers; & will be semething the children

endless variety of them.

garding our profession.

ner, 223 Hess street, East Saginaw, Mich.

Florida, Lake Eric and Perry's victory.

forgotten. Connect the farmers of the West and

how "All are needed by each one. Nothing is fair

led to see how States and Nations are related.

south with the manufacturers of the East, and show

Trace a sack of flour back to the Northern wheat-

fields; coffee to Brazil; the hides from our stock-

raising States to the boot and shoe factories of the

nia. Visit the mines and make the lessons so in-

populations of cities, but let us give them a knowl-

edge of the earth as their home and other Nations as

their neighbors, thus broadening and ennobling

their views of life,-Lydia E. Day, Cromanton, Fia.

AMERICA'S WONDERS.

The greatest wonder in the world is the falls of

Sisgars, where the water from the great upper

lakes forms a river of three-quarters of a mile in width, and then, being suddenly contracted,

Cave, in Kentucky, where anyone can make a voy

fish without eyes.

and 1,000 feet deep.

two miles in circuit.

and it cost \$12,500,000.

is 555 feet.

age on the waters of a subterranean river and catch

The largest take in the world is Lake Superior,

which is truly an inland sea, being 430 miles long

The greatest natural bridge in the world is the

The greatest mass of solid iron in the world is the

the East River Bridge, connecting the cities of New

York and Brooklyn. Its length is more than one

The greatest monument in the world is the Wash-

The greatest statue in the world is the Bartholdi

statue on Bedloe's Island, New York Bay, present-

ed to America by the people of France. Its hight is

The largest number of whale ships in the world

are sent out by Nantucket and New Bedford, Mass,

The greatest grain port in the world is Chicago.

The largest aqueduct in the world is the Croton

Aqueduct, in New York. Its length is 40 1/2 miles,

The largest deposits of anthracite coal in the

world are in Pennsylvania, the mines of which

ed appear to be inexhaustible.-Edwyn R. Lerch,

supply the market with millions of tons annually

OUR CHARITY FUND.

DEAR C. C. FRINNDS: I have been requested to

explain the object of the charity fund. The object

that I had in view when I first proposed it was to

have on hand a sum of money with which to help

any deserving member who might be in need, and

to try and do away, in a measure, with individual

I have found that, in giving to any object, it is

and if we feel that we are not able, why, we don't

seem to think is better, every quarter, we might

niways have a sum of money on hand to help any

descrying case. Members of the club who are in

favor of the fund please nominate a committee to

expend the fund, and whose order on the Treasurer

will be a voucher for the money paid. I propose

CLUB WHISPERS.

There was a very pleasant little C. C. Reunion

in my C. C. corner one afternoon this week, com-

prising the following members: Mamie Best,

Stoneham, Mass.; Emma Perkins, Natick, Mass.,

and Nina Ballou. I need not tell you we had a grand

are true-blue sisters, and enjoy the C. C. If any of

the members wish pretty crocheted lace or out-

lining done, I would refer them to Elia Lahman,

Staunton, O. I can youch for the nicety of her

work, as I have some of it. She is very reasonable

in her prices; is trying to earn enough before next

April to pay her tuition to a school. She is an invalid a good part of the time, and is a member of our club.—Annie L. Williams, Saugus, Mass.

I have been exchanging postal autographs with

the C. C. brothers and sisters for two years, and I

now have 205 cards. My scrap-book has eight postals to the leaf, and pretty transfer pictures pasted on the margin. I have another book that

will hold 500 cards, and I want you all to help me

fill it. - Jennie Jones, Enoch, Ky. Who will send seed for our C. C. flower? The

pansy won my heart, and the forget-me-not must

sceept second place in my affections,-Walter H.

So many have inquired about my home. It is stuated on Lake Thonatasassa, a beautiful, clear

body of water, two miles long and one wide. I

have an orange grove, and the trees are full of

letters, but my life is a very busy one. I am not a

young indy, as some of you suppose, but a soldier's widow, with a family of little children to support,

Many thanks for your kind words.-Mairy L.

Jefferson, Thomatasassa, Fla.

I had a delightful visit with Susie Dickson at her

home in Huntingdon County. I went for a rest and

picked up in the ruins here that I want to fill with

C. C. emblems, and hope you will all remember

Let us cheer the brave old comrades on their

tell me how to prepare a blackboard?-Myrtic E.

time ago I received a box of gold and silver ore

and sea shells from San Francisco, through the courtesy of Samuel Coffin, a veteran, whose letters

of description are very fine. Letters from the C. C.

Chicago should have the World's Fair. It is cen-

radiy located and still in the Great West; it is a

genuine American city, and shows what pluck will

I will give Bancroft's Life of Washington for best

chool game and the Hoosier Schoolmaster for

best school song, words and music.-Kate Warthen,

I heartly indorse the sentiments expressed by H. W. Strawn in reply to Ida L. Brandon. The

success of our common schools depend upon free

speech and an absence of all sectarianism.-Edgar

OUR BOOK CIRCLE.

DEAR C. C.: The purpose of all great novels is to

bring forward in striking colors and in bas-relief

some one idea in connection with life. Silas Mar-

ner, by George Eliot, is such a novel, and the les-

son it teaches is the plainest expressed of any in

In reading novels one naturally studies charac

ters. In this book one studies Silas Marner, God-frey Bass and Nancy Lammeter and all the others

as he would study Cesar, Richelieu or Hamilton,

George Eliot's novels are laid amid the English

In its own peculiar way Silas Marner is among

the best of George Ellot's, The characters are

painted with a large brush and with attributes not

to be mistaken. There is something very clever in the undecup of Prissy Lammeter, and something

will be prized.-Dollie Goods, Alexandria, Mo.

responding for three weekly newspapers.

me.-Annie Everbart, Johnstown, Pa.

Garland, Roxbury, Kan.

Owen, Homer, N. J.

Kendall, Kan.

her works.

L. Stevens, Fairpiny, Nev.

vittages she knew so well,

obtained it physically, but a mental rest is im-

Campbell, Taylor, Neb.

cint. I never before met Mamie or Emma.

give at all. Now, if every member of the C. C.

man nature to want to give as much as anyone,

on Monument at Washington, D. C. Its hight

PRACTICAL GEOGRAPHY.

Marner is a novel which teaches that happiness comes not from the possession of gold and of silver, of rubies and diamonds, but only from right living can always keep, and something they will prize and the sharing of those home joys that nature During Summer we had sewing-classes, in which has given as our portion. It goes to show that the miser's gold has made him unhappy, while Effic, the child, made him so very happy. She was to poor Silas a "wealth of affection." The child was a priceless possession. Silver and gold were as we taught our young girls to sew and piece quilts, We found it one of the best ways of teaching our girls how to use a needle, and an economical way, too, for every household has more or less pieces to spare, and quilts are always saleable. Plain ninelross. A sorrow had been drowned by the affecsquare is the best pattern for a very new beginner; tions.-Gilbert M. Edmondson, after that "The Road to California and Back," or the "Wedding Knot," or "Haystack"; any of these are new, pretty and easy to piece. They usually refer to me for patterns, as I possess an

Among the many authors that have been criticised by the C. C. I have never seen the name of T. S. Arthur. I find some of his works very beautiful, and all very interesting.—Hattie Goodsell. Why is it that T. S. Arthur is so seldom men-Start a sewing-class or society. I do think there tioned in our book circle? Can it be he is no one's favorite? I have read a great many of his works, should be one in every community. In these classes work is play; the girls become interested, vie with and found them all both interesting and instructive. -Mamie R. Bushey, Holmesville, O. each other, compare work, and, quite naturally, George Eliot has such a grand way of bringing labor to excel. If you wish new patterns I will out character. Her novels seem to have been writsend them to you if you send stamps to pay postten from an outsider's point of view, instead of by

sge. I have 33 varieties of patterns, and will be very glad to send any of them, with a sample block of each pattern and directions for making. If you one in the midst of the scenes. If the young folks of to-day would but read the standard literature, there would be less demand for trashy novels, choose to send 10 or a dozen stamps, I will send all of the patterns, with directions.-Mrs. F. A. War-Maude Reed, Coral, Mich. The Curious Corner.

[Answers to questions will not be published with-DEAR C. C. FRIENDS: In the C. C. ranks there are In two or three weeks after questions appear. So probably many teachers, and while no teacher all will have a chance to send replies and receive should blindly accept another's method, and so bepnorable mention with the number answered.] come a mere copyist, much good might be done by Van Buren was known as the "Foxy Matty"; a friendly interchange of thoughts and ideas re-Lincoln was called "The Rail-Splitter," Daniel Webster "Black Dan," Charles Sumner "The Devil's Advocate," A. H. Stephens "The Little One of the common-school branches which may be made very interesting to pupils is geography. Mistakes made in teaching this study are usually a Pole Star from Georgia." Kentucky Territory was the original name for Tennessee.

The brigantine Nancy was the first prize taken too exclusive dependence upon the memory, negecting the faculties of perception, imagination and in the Revolutionary War, by Capt. John Manly.

The year was divided into 12 months, in 48 B. C., udgment, and representing a bewildering array of

isolated facts. Science in geography depends on making causes and effects clearly seen. In teachby Julius Cesar. Thermometers were invented by Drebel in 1620; ing zones try to get above the ideas of belts encirimproved by Reaumer in 1730, and by Fahrenheit cling the earth, and explain the cause of zones, and the men, plants and animals common to each. The Straits of Babelmandab are called the "Gate Lead them step by step to see how great slopes, of Tears." mountains, deserts, etc., have given character to The name Sardinia signifies the footsteps of men, plants, animals and men. In their imagination go

which it resembles.

with them over the Desert of Sahara; visit the 1. What poem, containing 93 stanzas, is said to Esquimmux in his ice but, the Chinese in their have been composed in 12 hours?-Ethel Muckley, fields of tea, etc. Picture vividly not only the surface, soil, etc., but the people, their life and mode When was the battle of Corinth, Miss., fought? of worship. Here books of travel, magazine arti-James E. Alger.
3. How many soldiers' graves are there in the cles, such as Frank Carpenter's letters, will be found of much use. Have a scrapbook, and keep ational Cemeteries? and how many marked these letters and pictures of different places and Unknown" 7-J. G. Shannon, Paris, Ill. people. Connect history with geography. In our Who is called the "Apollo Belvidere" of Presidents?—Viola Sidwell, Eagle Grove, Iowa. own land accounts of discovery and settlements will fix the fact in the child's mind-as the Hudson 5. Who said, "I am not worth purchasing, but River and Heary Hudson, Ponce de Leon and

Take imaginary journeys over the principal routes of travel, making it all so real it cannot be Apples of gold in pictures of silver," is said to refer to the golden apricot set in pale slivery foliage. The Prophet Jeremish said, "I am black with asor good alone." In some such way they may be Saul sought his father's strayed asses and found a Kingdom. 1 Sam., 9:10. I. Where is the tortoise mentioned in the Bible? The lizard? The smail?—Eva E. Grate.

2. How old was Jesus when he visited the Temple East; oranges to the groves of Florida and Califorteresting that the pupils will not say they are "awful hard," and sigh for map questions. We at the Passover and entered the school of the Rabbis?-Kate Duncan cannot waste time learning areas of States and 3. What did Joseph prophesy on his deathbed?

> 4. What are the earliest coins mentioned in the Bible?-Clara Johnston. BRAIN-RACKERS.

[To Contributors: In sending answers name No. of THE NATIONAL TEIBUNE in which the puzzle is found. Answers of guessers may be forwarded plunges over the rocks in two columns to the ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN TRIBUNE OCT. 10. How far did they run?-330 rods. My Occupation-A farmer boy. A C. C. Favorite-Mamie E. Conklin.

A Famous General-Washington. A WISE SAYING. Natural Bridge, over Cedar Creek, in Virginia. It am composed of 23 letters: extends across a chasm 80 feet in width and 250 My 11, 16, 9, 6, 1, 5 is to diminish; eet in depth, at the bottom of which the creek 21, 8, 6, 18, a fish; 14, 20, 10, 19, 1, 15, a small village; 16, 2, 19, 12, 13, 4, 3, 1, 17, to illuminate; 22, 23, 7, 22, 11, 16, a bird. Iron Mountain of Missouri, it is 350 feet high and The greatest suspension bridge in the world is

My whole is a wise saying. Elma Armstrong, Atwood, Ind. PRIZE TANGLE. Lal tasth gribbt sumt deaf, Het setthigrb tills teh steeflet, Lal hatts weset saw dame Tub ot eb soit hwne sectwest. For first correct answer, name linen marker with

with ink .- M. Warner Hargrove, Brown's Mills, A POPULAR BIRD. My first is the time when we go to rest; My second a preposition so small; My third breaks forth on the ocean's breast, And my whole is a bird admired by all. For its songs are sweet, and its plumage neat,

And to hear its warblings is quite a treat. -Lillian A. Johnston. NATIONAL SONG. I am composed of 18 letters: My 2, 18, 7, 12, 17 is to barter; 13, 11, 15 is a boy's niceame; 5, 3, 9, 11 is a prairie plant;

6, 10, 3, 16, 11 is a carpenter's tool. My whole is the title of a National song. Etta L. Lane. WHAT WE ALL ENJOY. In Frank Linton, not Mamie E. Creasy. In Ida May Tift, not W. E. Ross. In Frances Wilson, not W. S. Moore. In Will P. Martsch, not Lu H. Wagner. In Meda Plympton, not Amos L. Seaman. In Annie L. Williams, not John Dean, C, W. Enyeart, not Katie Mayes. In Margaret L. Hover, not H. M. McCall. In Wilbur H. Brand, not Mac E. Barron. In Dempster Tower, not Bell H. Hotham. In Herman Swift, not Lulu M. Hackman. In Gilbert M. Edmonson, not Eva T. Pryor. In Addie Herring, not S. Lee B. Kinzer.

In Ella L. Williams, not W. E. Ray.

In Grace Owen, not F. L. Morrow,

In Lydia E. Day, not J. E. Wischart,

In Robert F. Alien, not Emma M. Hackman,

In Jessie Ray, not Willard G. Knowles. Now search among the C. C. friends, you will find what we all enjoy. -Plorence Adams, Lovelton, Pa. HISTORICAL ENIGMA. A distinguished Roman historian. A learned English divine, died 1775. A High Priest of Judea, 292 B. C. A distinguished English writer. An eminent prophet of Israel A Bishop of Lyons in France, An eminent Swiss philosopher. An eminent French theologian. An ancient Greek poet.
A learned French Monk, died 1717. A learned antiquary, Bishop of London, born 1521, An Italian poet, died 1646, An eminent Greek writer,

A learned German divine, A mathematician of Alexandria.

A Dutch critic and author, died 1721. An author of Alexandria. The initials give a remark of Daniel Webster. -Mrs. Mayo.

OUR CHINA.

Expressions of Satisfaction from All who Have Recrived Them. Mrs. O. M. Cadwell, North Blandford, Mass., says: "Crockery received last Tuesday, 4th. I am pleased with it." Burros J. Vail, Glenville, Conn., says: "I repossible, since our terrible flood. I have a stick

ceived the tea set in good order, and was very of production. much pleased with it." H. N. Gunn, Montrose, Pa., says: "I have received the beautiful set of dishes which you | is but 10 per cent, waste in silo and 30 per cent. sent me, and am very much pleased with them. | in feeding dry fodder the old style.

way, for it won't be long before they answer to the last roll-call. I am proud of the privilege of wearing the S. of V. badge.-O. H. Poling, Broad- My wife says that they are just splendid and | - The average productive life of a cow is an ornament to any table." Vill someone tell me what makes the keys of Bradford Kennedy, Syracuse, N. Y., says: my organ stick, and a remedy for it? Can anyone "Goods received, and satisfactory." Mrs. Electa Beerbower, Farmer, O., says: "I

I will send my photograph for the prettiest piece of ribbon for a friendship hoop. I want to thank you all for sending for my picture, and hope you all have received the tea set, all in good order, and | equally good. am well pleased with it." Robert McWilliams, Guernsey, Iowa, says: were pleased. Let us all send John Dean 10 cents and have Cripple Harry's photograph.-Grace we are highly pleased with them, and think It has been a long time since you have heard from me, but I have been very busy with my pen, corthem as good, if not better, than English ware of the same kind, and much cheaper than we

could buy them here." James McCauley, Knoxville, Tenn., says: The dishes came to hand on the 13th, and we are very well pleased with them," Mrs. Elizabeth Bingman, Fossville, Pa. says: Tea set received all right; am certainly well pleased with them. They are as represented by you, and being the product of American the results of different kinds of food.

labor makes them more valuable." Henry S. Chubb, Winter Park, Fla., says: I received Tea Set all right. We found it all that you represented, and if we had bought it here would have cost us \$20. We thank you kindly."

Mrs. J. N. Whittacar, Pinos Alto, N. M., says: 'I received my Tea Set the 24th of August. They were in good condition, and very nice and good ware for the price." Allen Niman, Mansfield, O., says: "I have received the Tea Set to-day, and it is in firstclass condition and very nice, for which please

accept my thanks." D. J. Saxman, Latrobe, Pa., says: "The tea set arrived in good time and in good order. precaution taken to preserve cleanliness. My wife was pleased with them, and we think they are worth the price." W. B. Cheetham, Mt. Royal, Fla., says: "Tea set arrived all right, and we are well pleased

James Martin, Thomaston, Conn., says: "Tea roots are set in dirt in a clean, cool cellar, just set received, and am perfectly satisfied with it. | deep enough to keep the roots moist, cabbage Would say it is well worth the money. That | will keep we'l, and may be placed as thick as is what I always expect of what I get from | it will stand. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE." George Henrich, Mt. Vernon, Ind., says: highly pieased,"

Some Practical Suggestions for Our Agricultural Readers.

PREPARING BEES FOR WINTER. Successful wintering of bees depends largely on preparations made before cold weather sets n, such as uniting weak colonies, feeding, etc. The extra food must be given so early that the bees can seal up their stores. Unsealed comb during Winter is not healthful food. Whatever variety of food is given them, the moisture that arises from the bees during cold weather enters the unscaled stores and produces disease. It is far better to look to this important matter during the honey season, and prepare frames of sealed honey to supply all colonies that need feed. But, in our greed for a heavy crop, we are apt to lose sight of this, and when feedingtime comes we buy sugar, at high prices, to supply these wants. The fact has been demonstrated time and again that it is cheaper to depend upon the honey source alone than to use sugar at any time. Besides, we are greatly for the production of surplus honey. But, strengthening him. The word Mahanaim though it is cheaper and better to depend upon the natural honey source alone, yet if we have colonies without honey enough to carry them through the Winter, and no surplus honey at hand to give them, we must feed them sugar or lose them. Uniting bees and supplying all colonies with good fertile queens is of primary movable frame hives, we should thoroughly arrange the brood-nest in every colony so that the brood shall occupy the center of the hive or combs. If a frame of broad is carelessly set on one side, the bees occupy the other side, and such as I am, the King of England is not rich enough to buy me?"—Harry T. Matthews, Kins- the hive and providing a good queen, we are ready to feed. The food will be stored around the cluster of bees. Frames of comb filled with pollen near the cluster of bees are considered injurious to bees during Winter. This has been our experience, and we take particular pains to either remove such frames from the live or place them outside of the brood-nest. Bees should not cluster on frames filled with pollen during Winter. They use too much pollen as food, and it has a tendency to produce dysentery.—American Agriculturist.

HORSES WITH HEAVES. A horse with a bad case of heaves is of little value for business. But a diet largely of oats and bran, wetted to the consistency of thick mush, with half the quantity of bright hay usually fed to a sound horse, sprinkled with water, the groom has control of the quantity and qual- inclosure, and beyond a gate of entrance into ity of food, which is not the case when the ani- the city proper. The inclosure was a place for mal is in pasture. If the hay be lightly thrashed | courts, public business transactions and the | general debility, caused from exposure and bad and well shaken to rid it of dust, it will be far | like. better, not only for the animal so afflicted, but I once used a heavy horse at heavy service,

hauling on the road and the farm, that carelessly used would have been worthless. Great care was taken in the preparation and quality of feed, and instead of stinting in drink, it was given in natural allowance, but never more than four or five quarts at a time. Only show distress, and but an honr or two a day at delible lnk; 10th answer, initial linen marker | that. Thousands of useless horses could render | might suspect he would be the messenger. He | sion dies from the effects of his service, leaving a horse the utmost care during the day, giving | ger sent to David in former trying circumbut little drink, and after the day's work, stances. (17:15-22.) David had arranged for during the Summer season, turn the animal in | Ahimaaz and Jonathan to bring him news. | who was dependent upon him for support. Cana field with access to a brook. In the morning his feet are wide apart and stomach dis. 18:27,) was a priest. (8:17; 20:25.) Joab Answer. No. The fact that he left a widow or tended-a pitiable object, worthless for the day, | was commander of one-third of David's army. ease. - N. Y. Tribune. WARHING WAGONS.

Lots of people will take a buggy, and worst and then souse the inside with water till the bottom is fairly affoat. The bottom-boards will absorb some of the water, swell and break and buggy is to take out the carpet and cushions, brush out dust with a wisk broom, and then wipe bettom and inside with damp rag or moistened Sponge.

Water may be used freely on the outside, but the expert washer who cares for the looks of his carriage will use the hose freely and rub gently, for the dirt wants to be washed off, not rubbed off. Rubbing scars the varnish. After washing the sides by playing on them with the hose, you may rub with the sponge, but always rub one way. Don't rub back and forth and criss-cross. Then rub the same way with the chamois-skin. HANDLING CELERY.

growth of the plants, until the period of frost, from the battle scene to Mahanaim, when only the top leaves should be visible. Never disturb the plants except when the ground is dry, otherwise the leaves will be injured by earth adhering to them.

ble foundation for a future wheat crop. It contains the elements needful for cereal production.

- The growers of Winter lambs have found - Corn fodder in the silo occupies but one-

fifth the space it does in the barn loft. There terially increased by care and good usage. It

is cheaper and better to preserve the productive qualities of a good cow than to rear another - All root crops should be thoroughly sweated and dried before being stored. If buried in "The dishes came to hand in tip-top order, and | piles in the ground give them but a light covering of dirt until Winter is about to begin, and

> until that time leave an opening at the top, filled with straw, for ventilation. - Rich milk can only be produced by food that is rich in albuminoids-the muscle-forming material in plants and grain. Bran, peameal, cottonseed meal linseed meal and oats are rich in albuminoids. The best system of at once how it was as to him. The answer of stock-feeding is to mix the feed in proper pro-

- Soapsuds on the manure heap is beneficial.

The suds not only add the soda and other elements of the soap to the heap, but also induces chemical changes, during which processes the ammonia is to a certain extent prevented from escaping. The alkaline matter also largely assists in rendering some of the solid matter soluble, and reduces the whole to a finer condition. -Simply washing the dairy utensils is not sufficient. They must be scalded, washed in warm water (using soda in the water), scrubbed and then rinsed. A single particle of matter adhering to a milk-pan may serve as a ferment to injure the milk. Even the hands should be

-The best way in trenching cabbages is to turn the heads down. If the soil is dry they may be placed in deep furrows; but if it is rather wet merely place the heads below the surface with it, and consider it worth the investment. | and bank up sufficiently to shed water. If the

washed before handling the vessels, and every

Comrades: If you wish for a profitable busi-"The tea set duly received, with which I am ness, we refer you to the advertisement on page 3, headed "Better than a Pension."

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SUNDAY MEDITATION.

national Sanday-school Lesson Appointed for Nov. 10. 2 Sam., 18:19-32. [One reading these notes should first carefully study the paragraph from the Holy Scriptures as

SUBJECT: THE DEATH OF ABSALOM MADE KNOWN TO DAVID.

The only record we have is that of 2 Sam., 18: 19-32. The account was probably written practically on the spot by the prophet Nathan. 2. Time. The paragraph we study bears date A. M. 2981,

or B. C. 1023, and hence carries us back 2,912 years. Hearing of Absalom's rebellion, and learning the rebel army was about to approach Jerusalem, David, probably for the safety of the city, lest it be devastated, and possibly for the | to the State and to the Church, is a gross sin. protection of his own life, fled the Capital, (15: 14,) stopping first at Bahurim, (16: 5,) and then fleeing to Mahanaim, (17: 24.) The events | much of the pathos of the psalms had not Daof the lesson occurred, probably, about three | vid's experiences tightened the strings of his months after David left Jerusalem.

3. Places. Escaping the murderous Absalom, David crossed the Jordan, (17: 22,) and sped on to Mahanaim. (17:24.) In chapter 32, verse 2, of Genesis, we learn Jacob gave name to the place. He was returning to Canaan full of apprehensions of the wrath of his brother Esau. Hosts injured by the popular idea that we feed sugar of angels visited Jacob there, guiding and means the hosts or camps, and the connection shows we are to understand hosts or armies of angelic visitants. It was designated as one of the cities of refuge. (Josh., 21:38.) Thither Abner took Ishbosheth, Saul's son, and attempted to inaugurate him as Saul's successor in the kingship. (2 Sam., 2:8, 12, 29.) And to it David fled from the pursuing Absalom. (2 Sam., 17:24.) It was reckoned in the tribe of mportance. As we have the advantage of Gad. (Jos., 13:26.) But verse 30 shows it was on the very border between Gad and Manasseh. It was about 18 miles east of the Jordan, on a stream running into the Jabbok, which in turn empties into the Jordan. It was in the land of Gilead. Its site is unknown, unless a place pointed out as Manch is indeed its ruins. Some travelers make such identification.

At Mahanaim David gathered his forces and prepared to face his enemies. The battle was waged in the Wood of Ephraim. (18:6.) During the fight David remained near the gate of the walled city. As the forces on his side went forth he charged them all to be merciful to Abthe issue of the battle seemed to be rather Absalom's safety than his own restoration to Jerusalem. He placed himself where he could catch the first report coming from the battlefield. Like Eli, waiting tremblingly for word rible suspense. It is said he sat between the two gates. Whedon, in his commentary, says: 'The city of Mahanaim seems to have been s the best place for a borse with the heaves, as | city. There was a gate for entrance, then an

We are not quite certain as to the place indifor all horses. In some cases straw may be cated by the Wood of Ephraim. The reading substituted for hay, but it is absurd to assert | would lead us to think the scene of the battle that straw is better than hay for horses gener- at no great distance from Mahanaim; but many it specific, and locating it in the parts of the body believe we are to understand the Wood of where it exists. Is there a reasonable probability Ephraim on the west side of the Jordan.

4. The Messengers.

The battle was fought. The victory belonged to David's side. Absalom was slain. It was the required proof, it probably will be favorably known how anxiously David awaited news acted upon. If allowed pension will commence at from the conflict. It was no wonder that one one or two days during the Summer did he specially interested in David would be eager to tell the story. It was natural that Ahimaaz good service if well cared for. Some give a was very fleet of foot. He had been a messen-(15:27, 28.) Zodak, father of Ahimaaz, (15:36; a result due more to carelessness than to dis- (18:2.) As such it was his duty to send black, a descendant of Cush, one of the 10 of all a box buggy, take outcarpet and cushions, who slew Absalom. (18:15.) It was more was, than a priest, as was Ahimaaz. Cushi was most likely an army runner. It is clear that crack, and sometimes start the corners of the both Ahimaaz and Cushi were eager to go on sides. The right way to clean the inside of a the errand to David. We wonder at this when in his pension claim. we remember the fate of the young man who informed David of Saul's death, (1:15,) and | homestead of less than 160 acres can be take up that of the young men who told of Ishbosheth's murder. (4:12.) Messengers were sometimes alert to go in order to secure reward. (4:10.) after, he can, under section 2306, Revised Statutes Joab foresaw that David would recognize in of the U. S., make an additional entry sufficient to once ask him about Absalom. Hence he sent Cushi. But Ahimaaz was persistent in his additional entry is contiguous to the original entry, wish to bear tidings to David. At length Joab | but is apart therefrom, the same compliance with consented. Josephus says, however, that the law as regards residence, improvement and Ahimaaz "told Joab he would relate nothing to the King but only concerning the victory, but say not a word about the death of Absalom." The supposition Ahimaaz had not learn- | nal entry. After celery has been properly set out there | ed of the fate of Absalom is not to be enteris in most sections but little more attention re- | tained. Ahimaaz would have been glad if he quired than to give it about the same amount | could have been able to tell David Absalom of cultivation as is necessary in the case of was safe, not necessarily because he sympaother plants and vegetables. After the nights | thized with David in his undue concern for grow cool and moist the plants take on a more | Absalom, but so as to please David. He had rapid growth, and when the stalks have at no such news to carry. Cushi started. After tained considerable size banking up should be- a while, Joab consenting, Ahimaaz left for gin. This is best accomplished by one person | Mahanaim. Cushi seemingly took the route pressing the leaves together with his hands, over the mountains, which was a nearer way and holding them in position while another to Mahanaim. Ahimaaz selected the longer of disability since filing claim. draws the earth up and firms it about the route through the plain, making a circuit plant to about one-third its hight. In a few round the spurs of the hills. Josephus says have since written twice to the Pension Office, no days the banking up should be repeated, and | "Ahimasz ran a more compendious way which | afterward, from time to time, according to the | he alone knew." We do not knew the distance 5. The Announcements.

David, that he might have the very first intimations of coming news, directed the watchman, who, from a tower over the gateway, could take in a far-off view, to send him word - A clover sod turned over is the best possi- at once of the coming of any messenger. If there were defeat the soldiers would come in crowds back to headquarters. In the case of victory the usual plan was to report by a professional runner. In a little while the watchgreat profit in feeding ensilage. It is a good | man informed David a man was visible substitute for roots, and much cheaper in cost | running alone at great speed. That meant victory. As that messenger was entering the gate the watchman saw another runner, Ahimaaz had overtaken Cushi. It seems Ahimaaz was a noted runner with a peculiar Government move the remains of soldiers who gait, enabling the watchman to identify him at a great distance. He was "good" in the to whom should I apply? Answer, I. Yes, in some eight years, but this can undoubtedly be ma- sense both of valiancy and reliability. Before cases. 2. To the Quartermaster-General, U. S. A., David could say a word Ahimaaz cried out this city. 'All is well." He attributed the success of David's army to the God of Israel. He was preparing for David's question as to Absalom, leaving the impression that he was so eager to reach David with the good news as not to have learned the particulars. In rushed Cushi. It may be that he had Ahimaaz retire one side so as not to be noticed by Cushi, giving him an opportunity, apparently, to be first to break the news to David. Victory was the cry of Cushi. He, too, attributed success to God's blessing. But David could see no triumph if it involved harm to Absalom, and hence he wanted to know Cushi is very ingenious, and a fine example of portions, and the wisest farmers take note of euphemism. May all your enemies, David, be as Absalom is! The meaning is plain, and was at once caught by David. The concern of David for Absalom was too

unreasonable for tolerance. Parental excess of fondness should not imperil National interests, The King must not be sacrificed by the father. Absalom had proved himself unworthy of a parent's affection. Care for a cruel, murderous child should not take precedence of Government, religion and common sense. It was poor encouragement for an army which had fought bravely and conquered nobly to return finding the King lamenting the death of the very leader of the enemies. While as father he could not receive the news of a victory involving the life of his son with indifference, or even with the usual jubilation, still he should have shown great satisfaction in the bravery and triumph of his army. They had fought for him. They had slain an enemy who was bent on the death of the King. They deserved gratitude, if not vociferous commendation. 6. Suggestions.

1. Be euphemistic. Smooth things over. Make the unpleasant as acceptable as possible. Though never sacrificing the truth, be careful in all delicate revelations. Break sad news with skill. Cultivate a genius for imparting communications in a way considerate of the human heart with its fine sensibilities. If ever

you be a messenger of sad and fearful news remember there is a limited tension to the mind. Practical Duties Taught by a Study of the Inter- If possible to avoid it do not add one more to

the number of the insane. 2. In the army there should be thorough military discipline, Neither Ahimanz nor Cushi dared go of his own accord to David. Permission was first sought from Joab, the commander of that division of the army. The principles of order and obedience must be cultivated. Such culture should be a part of each person's education.

3. Be importunate in prayer. The case of Ahimaaz is illustrative. He persisted in seeking permission, and at length was granted the privilege. (See St. Luke, 18:1-8.) Three times Ahimaaz plied the question, and then Joab yielded consent.

4. Reverence officers. (Vs. 21, 29.) 5. Parents should be anxious for their children. But an excess of love for a child resulting in want of justice to the rest of the family, 6. Affections may be blessed to our good and that of others. We would never have had harp. He could never have sung to us of the caves and rocks, and wild goats and treachery, and tears and groans, had he been always at

7. Bear good tidings. Love to tell good news. In special, be glad to announce the glorious tidings of salvation. Bear witness for Christ. Tell what he has done for you. Declare to others what he is willing to do for them. Run as heralds of the cross. Carry the news everywhere to everyone. An emulation to outrun in doing good is holy. (Rom., 11:14.) . 8. The Christian life is a battle. Satan is Absalom. He seeks our harm. Be anxious as to the results of the battle. Be glad if enemies be overthrown. May victory crown our efforts! May every Ahimaaz and Cushi have good news

9. Success comes of God's blessing and help.

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[To Correspondents.—Write questions on a sep-arate sheet of paper, give full name and address, and mark it "Correspondents' Column." No attention will be paid to communications that are not accompanied with full name and address of writer. salom. (18:5.) And his great concern as to Our readers are requested to inclose a stamp for reply to their inquiries. Postal cards will be replied to by mail only. Replies by mail will ordinarily be made within a week, and if in this column within three weeks. i

J. McK., Pittsfield, Mass.-Please decide a dispute as to amount paid to soldiers during each year of from the ark, (1 Sam., 4: 13,) so David sat in ter- the war. Answer. The pay of a private soldier up. to Aug. 6, 1861, was \$11 per month. It was then increased to \$13, and May 1, 1864, to \$16 per month, and so remained until the close of the war. G. M. M., Appleton, Wis,-Sty husband was killed inclosed by a double wall, and its main en- in a charge at Gettysburg, and in 1872 I remarried trance guarded by two gates, an outer and an and in three years was again left a widow. Am I and but little water given at a time for drink | inner one, between which was a sort of court." | not now entitled to a pension by reason of the will, in nine cases out of ten, fit the animal for Stanley suggests that Mahanaim, meaning two you were pensioned for the period of your first within a week after receiving this Tarnusz. Do not daily labor, unless it be a few exceptional days camps, was a double city, with a first and a widowhood you cannot again be pensioned on make numerical enigmas of your own names. Answers must accompany all puzzles forwarded. of close, muggy weather. The stable at all times second gate. Probably a large portal led to the account of the death of your first husband, as your answers must accompany all puzzles forwarded. is the less place for a horse with the beaves, as remarriage in 1872 barred all subsequent title or that account. E. S., Peabody, Kan,-I applied for a pension in

1876 on the following allegations: Frozen feet and treatment while in rebel prisons. I established my claim on frozen feet, but failed on my allegation of general debility, for the reason that I was unable o obtain the required proof. Recently I find I can obtain proof establishing general debility, making of getting the claim allowed on general debility, and if allowed will pension rate back from time of my discharge? Auswer. As we do not know all the facts in your case, we cannot say whether the claim will be allowed or not. If you can furnish date of discharge from service. "General debil-

ity," however, is not recognized as a specific disability. -. Monroeville, O .- A soldier drawing a penwidow and minor children. The widow draws pension until she remarries, and her children draw pension until they become 16 years of age. The soldier leaves a mother, who is now 85 years old, not she now draw pension as a dependent parent? minor children surviving him would bar her title Mrs. M. C., Forest City, Fa.-If a soldier employs a man, not an attorney, to assist him in getting his an official report to the King. Instead of pension, and he thinks he is not doing him justice, choosing Ahimaaz he selected Cushi, who was | and takes the claim out of his hands, has the man probably a Moorish slave or an Ethiopian a right to keep his discharge, or can he write to the Pension Office anything to hinder him from getting a pension, through spite? Answer. No. No. person is permitted under the law to retain a solnatural to order off a slave, as Cushi probably dier's discharge, and the soldier should state the facts regarding the retention of his discharge to the U. S. District Attorney, who will compel its return. The soldler would be given ample opportunity to disprove any charges made against him

T. G., Cooper's Mills, Me.-If a soldier makes a enough additional hand to make that amount? Auswer. Yes. If his original entry was made prior to June 22, 1874, and his entry was perfected there-Abimsaz a friend and confident, and would at | make up his quota of the 160 acres anywhere, and residence is not required thereon. If original entry was made subsequent to that date, unless the cultivation is required as would be in an original entry; that is, if the additional entry was not adjacent to the original entry, he would have to live on and cultivate it the same as he did on his origi-

H. H. M., West Sumner, Me .- I made application for pension on account of rheumatism March 11, 1886, and after furnishing all the evidence required was informed by the Commissioner that I was not disabled from manual labor in any pensionable de gree by reason of the alleged rheumatism as shown by the result of the medical examination. Now if I go before another Board and the result of the examination shows that rheumatism exists, will pen sion be allowed from date of filing of original application March 11, 1886? Answer. Yes, probably, if the testimony filed shows a pensionable degree W. L. K., Foster Center, R. I.-I sent in an appli-

cation for an increase of pension April 1 last, and notice being taken by them. I am drawing \$2 a month and am all broken down, and it seems to me six months is a long time to wait before receiving an order for examination. Can you tell me what is the cause of delay? Answer. We cannot see why your claim has not been acted upon before this, nor why your letters have not been answered. We can only suggest that you write again to the Commissioner of Pensions, being sure to state your certificate number. C. H. E., Pleusant Hill, Ill .- A soldier applies for increase of pension and is ordered to report before a Medical Board within three months. He does not report, and the three months expires. Is the

pension that he is already drawing stopped until he does report, he having no reasonable excuse for not reporting? Answer. No. It would not affect his present pension. The matter would simply be dropped, and to secure another order for examination it would be necessary for him to apply for another order for examination. M. F. R., Persimmon Creek, N. 2-1, Will the

L. S., Du Quoin, Ill .- I served in the 70th Ill., receiving an honorable discharge, which I have since lost. Can I obtain another discharge? Answer. You cannot obtain an exact copy of your discharge, but you can obtain a certificate of honorable service in lieu of your last discharge, Application should be made direct to the Hon. Secretary of

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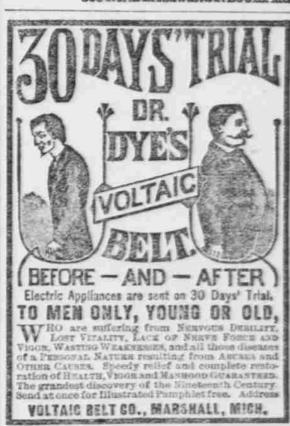
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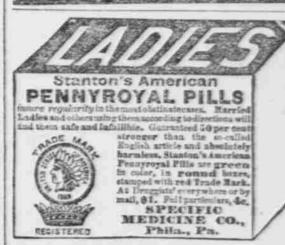
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